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SUMMARY: RCC MEMBER AND ASU SEC GEN BASHIR HAWABD HAS BEEN

ON RADIO AND TV CONTINUALLY PAST THREE DAYS TRYING TO CONVEY AND ELUCIDATE SOME GUIDELINES FOR THE FORMATION AND ACTIVITIES OF NEW " POPULAR COMMITTEES" OR PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES." EXCERPTS FROM HIS SPEECHES OR REPLIES TO NEWSMENS' QUESTIONS ARE BEING BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IN ESSENCE HE SEEMS TO BE SAYING " PROCEED, BUT IN AN ORDERLY WAY."

1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL LNA SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF HAWADW' S RATHER DIFFUSE REMARKS OF APRIL 22 (SEE ALSO FBIS M222335): QUOTE. HAWADI POINTED OUT THAT POPULAR
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COMMITTEES WOULD BE SET UP IN LINE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF REPUBLIC SO THAT THE COMMITTEES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON LEVEL OF GOVERNORATES, MUNICIPALITIES, QUARTERS AND VILLAGES.

HE CALLED FOR ELECTON OF REAL REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS AND FOR EXCLUSION OF PARTISANS, (I. E. MEMBEIA OF POLITICAL PARTIES) YEACTIONARY ELEMENTS, DELIQUENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF DEFUNCT REGIME, WHILE FORMING THE COMMITTEES. D

" BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POPULAR COMMITTEES, IT WILL BECOME EASY TO DISTINGUISH THE REVOLUTIONARY

FORCES WHO CONSIDER THE REVOLUTION AS A POPULAR REVOLUTION AND IT WILL BE EASY TO DETECT THE REACTIONARY PERSON WHO

HATES ISLAM, ARABISM, ARAB UNITY AND THE PROGRESS OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND WHO MUST BE KEPT APART FM POPULAR COMMITTEES", HAWADI SAID.

THE RCC MEMBER MADE IT CLEAR THAT COMMITTEES PREPARING FOY ELECTION OF POPULAR COMMITTEES SHOULD BE NEUTRAL AND ASKED FOR ELECTION OF MORE THAN ONE POPULAR COMMITTEE IN A BIG QUARTER PROVIDED THAT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHOULD GATHER THEM ALL, TO BE NAMED THE SUB- MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

HAWADI POINTED OUT THAT POPULAR COMMITTEES SHOULD NOT SPART THEIR FUNCTIONS BEFORE BEING APPROVED BY THE RCC AND THE NAMES OF THEIR MEMBERS BROADCAST TO THE PEOPLE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MUNICIPAL POPULAR COMMITTEE WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE STRUCTURE COMPRISING THE MAYOR, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND THE HEAD OF THE MUNICIPAL BRANCH, WHILE THE GOVERNORATE POPULAR COMMITTEE WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE STRUCTURE COMPRISING THE GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNORATE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTORS OF HOUSING, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

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IN HIS INTERVIEW, HAWADI POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNORS, CONTROLLERS OF DIRECTORATES AND DIRECTORS HAD NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH ELECTION OF POPULAR COMMITTEES.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE POSSIBLILITY OF SETTING UP A POPULAR COMMITTEE FOR TRADERS, HAWADI

ASSERTED THAT TRADERS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT " BUT THEY MAY PLAY THEIR ROLE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL OR SUB- MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS."

HAWADI ALSO ASSERTED THAT WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SET UP POPULAR COMMITTEES WITHIN THAT SECTOR, GOVERNED BY THE LABOR LAW AND THE MERCANTILE LAW, " BUT THEY MAY COMPILE LISTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST THE PEOPLE IN THAT SECTOR AND WE CAN EXPEL THEM WITHOUT TAKING OVER THE PRIVATE SECTOR."

HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NOT ALLOWED FOR BRANCHES OF MINISTRIES TO SET UP THEIR OWN POPULAR COMMITTEES " BECAUSE THESE BRANCHES ARE SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS UNDER THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT."

UNQUOTE.

2. APRIL 23 HAWADI ASSERTED ON TV, IN REPLYING TO NEWSMEN, THAT TWO OF COL. QADHEFI' S FIVE CALLS FOR REVOLUTIONARY ACTION ARE NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR TIME BEING AS THEY REQUIRE ACTION BY THE RCC AND NOT THE COMMITTEES. THESE ARE HIS CALLS FOR NULLIFICATION OF ALL PRE- REVOLUTIONARY LAWS AND FOR THE ARMING OF THE PEOPLE. (COMMENT: BOTH ARE IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS TO ANY COMMITTEE' S FREEDOM OF ACTION, PRESENT OR POTENTIAL.)

3. OVER COMMENT: HAWADI' S PRESCRIPTIONS SEEM TO ADD UP TO ADVICE TO PROCEED WITH POPULAR REVOLUTION BUT REMEMBER THAT THE RCC REMAINS IN COMMAND AND MUST APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP AND ULTIMATELY THE ACTIVITY OF ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEES. TO USE HIS EXPRESSION IN APRIL 23 TV INTERVIEW, WHAT IS CALLED FOR IS AN " ORGANIZED" OR " DISCIPLINED" (MUNATHIMAH) POPULAR REVOLUTION. JOSIF

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